

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: SANH DANG TANG

FILED: CONCURRENTLY HEREWITH

FOR: DUAL-DAMASCENE BIT LINE STRUCTURES  
FOR MICROELECTRONIC DEVICES AND  
METHODS OF FABRICATING  
MICROELECTRONIC DEVICES**Information Disclosure Statement Within Three Months of  
Application Filing or Before First Action – 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**1. Timing of Submission**

This information disclosure is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever occurs last [37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)]. The references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) may be material to the examination of this application; the Examiner is requested to make them of record in the application.

**2. Cited Information**

- This application was filed after 30 June 2003 and no copies of U.S. patents nor published applications are enclosed (See Notice of Deputy Commissioner Kunin on 11 July 2003).

**3. Effect of Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h))**

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the cited information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability. In addition, applicant does not admit that any enclosed item of information constitutes prior art to the subject invention and specifically reserves the right to demonstrate that any such reference is not prior art.

4. Fee Payment

No fees are believed due because this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action.

However, should the Commissioner determine that fees are due in order for this Information Disclosure Statement to be considered, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

Respectfully submitted,  
Perkins Coie LLP

Date: February 24, 2004

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Paul T. Parker  
Registration No. 38,264

Correspondence Address:

Customer No. 25096  
Perkins Coie LLP  
P.O. Box 1247  
Seattle, Washington 98111-1247  
(206) 359-8000

<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b> Form PTO-1449 (Modified) (Use several sheets if necessary)				<b>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</b>	
				Application Number	
				Confirmation Number	
				Filing Date	February 24, 2004
				First Named Inventor	Sanh Dang Tang
				Group Art Unit	
Examiner Name					
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket No.	108298679US1

<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	U.S. Patent or Application		Name of Patentee or Inventor of Cited Document	Date of Publication or Filing Date of Cited Document
		NUMBER	Kind Code (if known)		
		5,369,049		Acocella et al.	11/29/1994
		6,008,513		Chen	12/28/1999
		6,026,010		Ema et al.	02/15/2000
		6,285,045	B1	Itabashi et al.	09/04/2001
		6,300,213	B1	Dennison	10/09/2001
		6,329,255	B1	Gau	12/11/2001
		6,376,380	B1	Tang et al.	04/23/2002
		2002/0053694	A1	Sutcliffe	05/09/2002
		6,413,817	B1	Liao et al.	07/02/2002
		6,479,377	B1	Tang et al.	11/12/2002
		6,511,879	B1	Drynan	01/28/2003
		6,649,501	B2	Lee et al.	11/18/2003

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
<b>*EXAMINER:</b> Initial if reference considered, whether or not criteria is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance <u>and</u> not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to application(s).	